

MINUTES

-OF THE-

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

-OF THE-

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT SHORTERVILLE,

HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,

OCTOBER 5th, 6th, AND 7th, 1877.

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# MINUTES.

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The Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the JUDSON ASSOCIATION convened with the Shorterville Church, October 5th, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. M. Knowles, upon II. Cor. xiii. 11:

"Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you"

Prayer by Elder J. M. Poyner.

At 2 o'clock the body was called to order by Brother Sims, former Moderator. Prayer by Brother J. T. Davis.

Brother Poyner preached at the stand at 2 o'clock.

The letters were read by Brethren Davis and Bunker, and delegates names enrolled as follows:

*Abbeville*—A. L. Martin, A. B. Fowler and I. Mindhim.

*Adaniram*—J. S. Barnett and John Melvin.

*Beulah*—No delegate.

*Bluff Springs*—John Walters.

*Bethel*—D. Rogers and S. J. Snead.

*Bethlehem*—Henry Jordan and J. B. White.

*Christian Grove*—R. B. Lee and R. A. Davis.

*Concord*—W. P. Brackin and F. P. Kirkland.

*Columbia*—John W. Anglin, F. M. Bunker, J. T. Davis and J. L. Wilson.

*Camp Springs*—J. A. Coe and P. J. Godfrey.

*Ebenezer*—D. J. Killingsworth and R. Wiggins.

*Fellowship*—P. H. Askew.

*Gordon*—Nat. Pace.

*Hebron*—E. M. Knowles, M. C. Stephenson and A. J. Armstrong.

*Harmony*—Robert Hancock and Wm. Mathis.

*Judson*—J. W. Malone and W. C. Guisendina.

*Liberty*—Not represented.

*Mt. Pleasant*—Thomas F. Espy and J. M. Ray.

*Mt. Pleasant Dale*—Not represented.

*Mt. Ariel*—Seth Brigham.

*New Hope*—B. Herendon and B. Melton.

*Oaky Grove*—No delegate.

*Pilgrims' Pest*—W. P. Jordan.

*Pleasant Hill*—B. M. Fortson.

*Pleasant Plains*—W. H. Granberry.

*Pleasant Grove*—M. V. Clapps and W. A. McLenden.

*Shorterville*—L. R. Sims, H. G. Peterman, A. McAlister and R. W. Irwin.

*Smyrna*—B. A. Forister.

*Sardis*—John A. Davis.

*Tolbert*—M. P. Shelly and Joseph Hodges.

*Walnut Grove*—A. W. Whidden, T. Robinson and T. T. Smith.

Elected L. R. Sims, Moderator; D. Rogers, Clerk.

Called for Correspondence and received From the *Newton Association*, Elder J. M. Poyner; from the *Bethel Association*, Ga., Elder J. S. Parker and Brothers C. V. Morris and J. C. Wells.

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

*On Preaching*—J. T. Davis and Nat. Pace, with the delegates of Shorterville Church.

*On Finance*—F. M. Bunker, J. H. Davis and J. Melvin.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—T. F. Espy, A. B. Fowler and B. A. Forrister.

*On Nominations*—A. J. Armstrong, M. C. Stephenson and P. H. Askew.

*On Documents*—E. M. Knowles, J. W. Malone and Wm. Bruner.

#### RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the West Florida Association*—L. R. Sims, W. P. Jordan, F. M. Bunker and T. T. Smith.

*To the Newton Association*—Nat. Pace and M. Brackin.

*To the Eufaula Association*—D. Rogers and S. J. Snead.

*To the Bethel Association*—L. R. Lim, D. Rogers and S. J. Snead.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

J. W. Malone to preach at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A. L. Martin, Saturday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Herenden.

#### NIGHT SERVICES.

At 7 o'clock Brother Malone preached upon John xiv. 1; followed by Brother Parker.

SHORTERVILLE, SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Brother Sims in the Chair. Prayer by Brother Malone.

1. Read and adopted Minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed the Call for Correspondence.

3. Called for the report on Sabbath Schools, and pending its adoption, Brother J. T. Davis spoke of the happy results of Sabbath Schools, and urged the brethren to be more active in keeping up schools in our churches.

Brother A. L. Martin was of the opinion that churches do not feel or understand their obligations to this subject. "Every church is a Sabbath School. With the Bible and song books every church is prepared to carry on a school." His church was keeping up such a school, and with Brother Green as teacher of the Bible class, they were doing much good.

The report was adopted as follows.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the letters show that a few of the churches of this Association have flourishing Sabbath-schools. It is, however, lamentably true, that too little interest is manifested in training up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and teaching them the great moral truths of God's Law.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MARTIN,  
J. W. MALONE,  
R. W. IRWIN, } Committee.

4. The report on deceased Ministers and Deacons was read by Brother Espy, and adopted as follows:

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

The Committee beg leave to make the following report:

Through the Providence of God, our Ministers and Deacons have all been spared through another associational year, and we now ask that we return thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us, and that the Moderator lead us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. F. ESPY,  
A. B. FOWLER,  
B. A. FORRISTER, } Committee

Brother Sims lead in prayer.

Brother Chaudoin was announced as being present, and on making his bow, was recognized as the agent of the Home Mission Board, S. B. C.

5. The report on Documents was read by Brother E. M. Knowles, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, make the following report: We find in the letters from Abbeville and Pleasant Plains, a petition

for the next session of your body to meet with them. We recommend every brother in this Association to take *The Baptist*, edited by J. R. Graves, at Memphis, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. KNOWLES,  
J. W. MALONE,  
WM. BRUNER, } Committee.

#### PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

6. On motion, resolved to meet with *Pleasant Plains Church*, 7 miles west of Columbia, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1878.

7. Brother John T. Davis read the following:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report that, acting under authority from the Association, given them at its last annual session, they employed Brother Malone to supply the White Oak Mission, and agreed to pay him thirty-five dollars for said labor. They employed Brother Bruner to supply the Gordon Mission, and agreed to pay him sixty-five dollars for said labor. Brother Malone reports that he has preached regularly once a month within his mission work. He has baptized two, and feels that good has been accomplished. Brother Bruner reports that he has labored faithfully in discharging the duties which were imposed upon him by the Committee. His report shows 17 baptized, and 358 miles traveled. Brother Bruner feels that the cause of Christ is being strengthened in said mission field. We recommend the above named brethren be paid the amounts named for their services. We further recommend that the above missions be continued and recognized as fields of destitution, and supplies be provided for them. We further recommend that the mission in the lower part of the county be changed from the Gordon Mission to the Bluff Springs Mission.

The report was received, and a motion to pay brethren Malone and Bruner for their mission labor was concurred in.

A motion to discontinue the mission in our lower bounds was adopted.

On motion, the White Oak Mission was continued.

The report as amended was then adopted.

A motion to suspend business to hear Brother Martin's sermon was carried.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES.

Brother Martin, delining to preach, Brother Parker, from Georgia, preached upon Hebrew xi. 4.

2 o'clock, p. m.

Business resumed. Prayer by D. Rogers.

9. The report on Nominations was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Brother L. R. Sims to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Brother Wm. Bruner, alternate; Brother M. Brackin to write the Circular Letter. Respectfully submitted, A. J. ARMSTRONG, }

A. J. ARMSTRONG,  
M. C. STEPHENSON,  
P. H. ASKEW, } Committee.

10. Brother J. T. Davis read the Treasurer's report, which was adopted as below:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Treasurer,

*In account with the Judson Baptist Association.*

1876.

**DEBTOR.**

Sept. 30. To balance on hand this day, .....	\$ 78 90
Oct. 2. " cash received of Finance Committee, .....	136 25
" " " " " Sabbath Collections.....	10 95
" " " " " Colored Congregation,.....	2 05

## CREDIT.

Total,.....\$228 15 \$228 15

1877.

Oct. 5. To cash on hand brought down, to-wit:

For Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund.....\$20 70  
" Associational Purposes,..... 7 20

Total.....\$27 90

11. Called for the report on Missions, which was read by Brother J. L. Wilson and adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

That from the minutes of our last session, that body appointed a committee to open correspondence with some foreign board, to send the money sent up from the churches for that purpose. We are proud to say that we are now Missionary Baptists from action as well as practice, and hope that our Association will recommend that all the churches in the future will open their hearts and carry out the great command to send the Gospel to all parts of the globe that is inhabited by man.

J. L. WILSON,  
L. G. CLARK,  
WILEY WILLIAMS, } Committee.

12. A motion to call for pledges for missions prevailed and the following

PLEDGES TAKEN:

Abbeville,.....	\$10 00	John W. Angus,.....	1 00
Adaniram,.....	2 00	W. C. Guisendina,.....	2 00
Bluff Springs,.....	1 00	Harmony Church,.....	1 00
Bethlehem,.....	2 00	John Melvin,.....	1 00
Bethel,.....	2 00	J. W. Malone,.....	1 00
Columbia,.....	5 00	M. C. Stephenson,.....	50
Camp Springs,.....	5 00	Mt. Ariel Church,.....	2 00
Fellowship,.....	2 00	E. M. Knowles,.....	2 50
Hebron,.....	2 50	W. H. Granberry,.....	50
Judson,.....	5 00	J. A. Coe,.....	1 00
Mt. Pleasant, B,.....	5 00	A. J. Armstrong,.....	1 00
Pilgrims' Rest,.....	5 00	Wm. Bruner,.....	1 00
Pleasant Grove,.....	5 00	T. T. Smith, (cash).....	1 00
Shorterville,.....	5 00	D. Rogers,.....	1 00
Walnut Grove,.....	5 00	P. H. Askew,.....	1 00
Angus McAlister,.....	1 00	J. L. Wilson,.....	1 00
John Walters,.....	1 00	Thomas Robinson,.....	1 00
W. P. Jordan,.....	1 00	D. Milton, (cash).....	50
Mrs. Thomas, (cash).....	50	Mrs. C. E. Davis,.....	50
J. S. Grauberry,.....	1 00	John T. Davis,.....	2 00
L. R. Sims,.....	1 00	J. S. Barnett,.....	1 00
A. Whidden, (cash).....	50	J. S. Snead,.....	1 00
Arch. McKissack, (cash).....	50	R. W. Wiggins, (cash).....	25
J. A. Scott,.....	50	Mrs. Hulda Rogers,.....	50
David Thomas, (cash).....	1 00	Miss Clara Rogers,.....	25
Sister M. E. Sims,.....	1 00	Henry Anglin,.....	50
" Mattie Sims,.....	1 00	James Anglin,.....	50
" Peggy Knight,.....	1 00	Bro. Herendon, (cash).....	50
" Lucy McAlister,.....	1 00		
Total amount,.....			\$100 50

A DONATION.

13. Brother Martin stated that the brother clerk was without a horse, and though his health would permit him to preach but little, yet there is useful work that he can do, and moved that a collection be taken up among the delegates. \$17.00 was raised, and on motion the funds for infirm minister's appropriated to that purpose. Total amount raised, \$44.80.

L. R. SIMS.

AGENT.

14. Brother Chaudoin was called on to address the body on the subject of his agency, which he did *ably* and we trust SUCCESSFULLY.

RESOLUTIONS.

15. Brother Knowles offered the following:

*Be it resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Clerk thirty dollars (\$30) for his services.

Adopted.

*Be it resolved,* That we thank the member and friends of Shorterville Church for their hospitality during this session of the body.

Adopted.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to make the following report, to-wit:

For Minutes, .....	\$44 75
"    Associational purposes,.....	20 25
"    Foreign Missions,.....	3 00
"    Pledges redeemed,.....	79 50
"    Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund,.....	6 00
Sabbath Collections for Jadson Mission,.....	13 50
"    "    "    Indian ".....	13 40
"    "    "    Chinia ".....	13 40

All of which is respectfully submitted

F. M. BUNKER,  
J. H. DAVIS,  
JOHN MELVIN, } Committee.

### INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES COLLECTED.

A. Armstrong, .....	\$2 00	W. G. Dawson,.....	\$1 00
W. H. Granberry, .....	1 09	D. Rogers,.....	1 00
J. M. Snead,.....	1 00	D. J. Killingsworth,.....	50
M. W. Hilton,.....	2 00	J. S. Barnett,.....	50
A. J. Armstrong,.....	1 00	M. C. Stephenson, .....	50
John J. Davis,.....	5 00		

CHURCHES	Minutes	Associational Purposes	Foreign Missions	Aged and Infirm Ministers	Pledges Redeemed.	Total.
Abbeville .....	1 00					\$ 1 00
Adaniram,.....	1 50					1 50
Bethel,.....	1 00					2 00
Beulah,.....	1 50					1 50
Bethlehem,.....	3 00	2 00				5 00
Bluff Spring .....	1 50				40	1 90
Camp Springs,.....	1 50	2 50				4 00
Concord,.....		4 00				4 00
Christian Grove,.....	1 00	50				2 00
Columbia,.....	2 00		3 00	5 00	8 00	18 00
Ebenezer,.....	1 50	50			1 00	3 00
Fellowship,.....	1 50					1 50
Gordon,.....	1 00	2 00				3 00
Hebron,.....	1 50				5 00	6 50
Harmony,.....	1 50	2 00				3 50
Judson,.....	2 00				5 00	7 00
Mt. Pleasant, B. ,	1 50				5 00	6 50
Mt. Ariel,.....	1 25					1 25
New Hope,.....	2 00				3 00	5 00
Oaky Grove,.....	2 00					2 00
Pleasant Grove,.....	2 00				2 00	4 00
Pleasant Plains,.....	2 00	2 00				4 00
Pleasant Hill,.....	1 00					1 00
Pilgrims' Rest,.....	2 50				4 20	6 70
Sardis,.....	1 00					1 00
Smyrna,.....	1 00	1 25				2 25
Shorterville,.....	2 50	2 50		1 00	1 00	16 00
Tolbert,.....	1 00					1 00
Walnut Grove, .....	1 50					1 00
		\$44 75	\$20 25	\$3 00	\$6 00	\$68 00
						\$142 10
Amount paid by Brethren after the report was made.....					11 40	11 40
Grand Total,.....						\$153 50

17. Moved by Brother Knowles that we meet at 10 o'clock Sabbath morning to pray for a revival in our bounds.

Brother Malone proposed an amendment by adding that "Special prayer be continually made, that the Lord may send more laborers into His harvest."

The motion, as amended, was adopted.

Adjourned to Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother E. M. Knowles.

Brother Parker preached at night.

SABBATH, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

L. R. Sims in the chair. Prayer by Brother J. C. Wells.

Brother John T. Davis moved that thirty dollars be appropriated for publishing the Minutes.

Adopted.

Brother Knowles moved that the mission work be turned over to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Brother Armstrong moved that the Colportage be continued another year. Motion concurred in.

There being no other business, it was moved that we repair to the stand and take the parting hand at the close of the 11 o'clock sermon.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

Brother W. N. Chaudoin preached the Missionary Sermon upon Isa. lxvi. 13 :

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

The sermon was doctrinal, practical, animating, and comforting. It cannot be lost. The Baptists who were there, if Christians, will love missions more, will do more for missions, will want to make personal sacrifice, and thus have fellowship with a suffering Savior.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up amounting to \$40.30.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand taken, while many feel that we shall not all meet again in another such Association. Prayer by Brother Chaudoin.

L. R. SIMS, Moderator.

D. ROGERS, Clerk.

## STATISTICS.

## CHURCHES.

	Total Membership...	Days of Meeting
Dead.....	2d	
Excluded.....	3d	"
Dismissed by Letter.	2d	"
Restored.....	1st	"
Rec'd by Letter.....	1st	"
Baptized.....	1st	"
Abbeville.....	70	2d Sabbath
Adaniram.....	69	2d
Beulah.....	79	3d
Bluff Springs.....	34	2d
Bethel.....	61	1st
Bethlehem.....	136	1st
Christian Grove.....	42	1st
Concord.....	125	3d
Columbia.....	70	4th
Camp Springs.....	92	4th
Ebenezer.....	65	3d
Fellowship.....	46	4th
Gordon.....	18	4th
Hebron.....	52	1st
Harmony.....	34	1st
Judson.....	51	1st
Liberty, (No Letter).....	61	4th
Mt. Pleasant Dale (No Letter).....	56	4th
Mt. Pleasant.....	54	4th
Mt. Ariel.....	24	2d
New Hope.....	70	3d
Oaky Grove.....	82	1st
Pilgrims' Rest.....	48	4th
Pleasant Hill.....	35	2d
Pleasant Plains.....	114	3d
Pleasant Grove.....	79	2d
Shorterville.....	85	3d
Smyrna.....	92	3d
Sardis.....	63	2d
T-lberty.....	66	4th
Walnut Grove.....	47	3d
Total, .....	234	2030

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST.OFFICES.
Abbeville .....	A. L. Martin.....	A. T. Lewis,..... Abbeville, Alabama.
Adaniram.....	J. W. Malone.....	John G. Miller,..... " "
Beulah.....	R. Deal.....	George W. Harris..... Head Land, "
Bluff Springs.....	Wm. Bruner.....	E. E. Mead- rs,..... Gordon, "
Bethel.....	E. Whidden.....	J. M. Snead,..... Baker's Hill, "
Bethlehem.....	S. J. Knowles .....	J. A. Campbell,..... Head Land, "
Christian Grove.....	J. Tyler .....	Berry James,..... Eufaula, "
Concord .....	M. Brackin.....	W. H. Askew,..... Head Land, "
Columbia .....	L. R. Sims.....	F. M. Bunker,..... Columbia, "
Camp Springs.....	E. M. Knowles.....	J. A. Coe, .....
Ebenezer .....	Wm. Bruner.....	W. C. King,..... "
Fellowship.....	D. Whidden.....	H. Wiggins,..... Abbeville, "
Gordon.....	J. M. Poyer.....	W. B. Howard,..... Gordon, "
Hebron .....	E. M. Knowles.....	C. A. Granberry,..... Columbia, "
Harmony .....	Wm. Bruner .....	J. R. Grainger,..... Gordon, "
Judson.....	A. L. Martin .....	J. W. Malone,..... Hi-lardville, "
Liberty .....	J. W. Malone.....	G. W. Chandler,..... Gordon, "
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. W. Malone.....	Thos. F. Espy,..... Kings, "
Mt. Pleasant D.....	J. Tyler.....	J. J. Herrin,..... Beaver Creek, "
Mt. Ariel.....	J. Tyler.....	R. A. Davis,..... Cotton Hill, "
New Hope.....	B. Herendon.....	A. Starling,..... Shorterville, "
Oaky Grove.....	B. Herendon.....	J. M. Weils,..... Abbeville, "
Pilgrims's Rest.....	R. Kidd .....	T. S. Stapleton,..... Gordon, "
Pleasant Hill.....		Joseph Irwin,..... "
Pleasant Plains .....	M. Brackin.....	A. F. Stanton,..... Columbia, "
Pleasant Grove.....	A. L. Martin.....	John E. Ward,..... Abbeville, "
Shorterville.....	L. R. Sims .....	Byrd G. Farmer,..... Shorterville, "
Smyrna .....	R. Deal.....	M. F. Jordan .....
Sardis .....	B. Herendon.....	G. A. Lewis .....
Tolbert.....	M. Brackin.....	W. P. Shelly,..... Abbeville, "
Walnut Grove .....	D. Whidden .....	T. T. Smith,..... Head Land, "

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L. S. Sims, Shorterville.  
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 A. L. Martin, Abbeville.  
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 J. C. Skipper, Dothen.  
 T. S. Scott, Columbia.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Missions*—A. L. Martin, J. W. Malone, A. McAlister.

On Sabbath-schools—Thomas F. Espy, R. A. Davis, M. B. Green.

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